

MDASLA 2022 PROFESSIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM

CALL FOR AWARD ENTRIES

The intent of this Awards Program is to encourage professional excellence in Maryland and by our Maryland members by recognizing significant completed and unbuilt Landscape Architectural projects. The objective is to bring public attention to the outstanding services of Landscape Architects by honoring them with professional awards for projects that demonstrate a superior quality of design and execution.

GUIDELINES:

- **FINAL DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: JULY 1ST, 2022 AT 12 PM EDT.**
- Recipients will be honored at our annual MDASLA Awards Gala on September 22nd, 2022 at a location TBD.
- Entries shall be accepted from members of the Maryland Chapter of ASLA as well as members of other ASLA Chapters if the project is in the state of Maryland. ASLA membership is required to apply.
- Projects will be reviewed by an awards committee from another chapter that is given criteria with which to evaluate projects. Projects will be evaluated against the criteria, not against each other.
- All project submissions or none may be given an award in each entry category.
- The jury has the right to change an entry to another category as they deem necessary.
- Evaluation criteria will vary in weight from project to project and submissions do not have to meet all criteria to receive an award. Consideration can be given to the type of project and project purpose/program.
- Entry Fees:
 - **MARYLAND ASLA MEMBERS** - \$150 PER PROJECT ENTRY
 - **MEMBERS OF OTHER CHAPTERS** - \$225 PER PROJECT ENTRY
 - **NON-MEMBERS** - \$250 PER PROJECT ENTRY

NOTE: MEMBERS OF CIRCLE OF SUPPORT RECEIVE ½ OFF FIRST ENTRY

If you are interested in joining the Circle of Support. [Click Link to Learn More!](#)

Payments must be made by check and received by July 5th. Please make out a check to Maryland Chapter ASLA and mail to:

Maryland Chapter ASLA
100 N. Charles St. P101
Baltimore, MD 21201

Entries will need to provide the following information as part of the application:

- Firm name, address, phone number, email address, and contact person
- Entry category, project name, and project location
- High-resolution photos for chapter use
- Communication, analysis, or research documents (optional based on category)

[PROJECT PRESENTATION MUST USE TEMPLATE](#) *Click link to download!*

MDASLA has the following categories for award submissions:

- **GENERAL DESIGN** – Recognizes site-specific works of landscape architecture and entries in this category must be built. Typical entries include public or private landscapes of all kinds including but not limited to projects involving parks and open space, historic preservation, reclamation, conservation, green roofs, stormwater management, sustainable design, community design, and more. Residential projects of all kinds are specifically **excluded** from this category (see Residential Design category). This category will consider the following evaluation criteria:
 - Quality of Design / Detailing / Construction methods
 - Originality of Design / Detailing / Construction methods
 - Success in meeting project goals, program & overall function
 - Positive impact on environment and context
 - Overall project significance
- **RESIDENTIAL DESIGN - SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL**– Recognizes site-specific works of landscape architecture and entries in this category must be built. Typical entries include **single-family** or **individual townhome residential projects**, activity areas for cooking/entertaining/recreation/relaxation, sustainable landscape applications, new construction or renovation projects, historic preservation, affordable landscape concepts and innovations, and more. This category will consider the following evaluation criteria:
 - Quality of Design / Detailing / Construction methods
 - Appropriateness of residential design (scale/materials etc.)
 - Success in meeting project goals, program & overall function
 - Originality of Design / Detailing / Construction methods
 - Overall project significance
- **RESIDENTIAL DESIGN - MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL**– Recognizes site-specific works of landscape architecture and entries in this category must be built. Typical entries include **multi-family** and **mixed-use residential projects**, activity areas for cooking/entertaining/recreation/relaxation, sustainable landscape applications, new construction or renovation projects, historic preservation, affordable landscape concepts and innovations, and more. This category will consider the following evaluation criteria:
 - Quality of Design / Detailing / Construction methods
 - Appropriateness of residential design (scale/materials etc.)
 - Success in meeting project goals, program & overall function
 - Originality of Design / Detailing / Construction methods
 - Overall project significance
- **INSTITUTIONAL DESIGN** - Recognizes site-specific works of landscape architecture and entries in this category must be built. Typical entries include institutional landscapes such as schools, hospitals, and campus design. Entries can be for master planning or specific projects. Projects in this category could also qualify for the General Design category, but only one category may be selected per project. This category will consider the following evaluation criteria:
 - Quality of Design / Detailing / Construction methods
 - Originality of Design / Detailing / Construction methods
 - Success in meeting project goals, program & overall function
 - Positive impact on environment and context
 - Overall project significance

- **INFRASTRUCTURAL DESIGN** - Recognizes site-specific works of landscape architecture and entries in this category must be built. Typical entries include infrastructure projects including green infrastructure like constructed wetlands, green streets, and wildlife corridors as well as sustainable design in transportation or coastal resilience. Projects in the category could also qualify for the General Design category, but only one category may be selected per project. This category will consider the following evaluation criteria:
 - Quality of Design / Detailing / Construction methods
 - Originality of Design / Detailing / Construction methods
 - Success in meeting project goals, program & overall function
 - Positive impact on environment and context
 - Overall project significance
- **DESIGN (UNBUILT)** – Recognizes innovative vision within landscape architecture or urban design for projects that have not been built. Typical entries include unbuilt general design and residential design projects. This category will consider the following evaluation criteria:
 - Quality of Design / Planning / Research & Documentation Methods
 - Comprehensive design package / planning evaluation / research methods
 - Success in meeting project goals, program & overall function
 - The creativity of approach & problem-solving solutions
 - Overall project significance
- **COMMUNICATIONS** – Recognizes achievements in communicating landscape architecture works, techniques, technologies, history, or theory, and the lesson value to an intended audience. Typical entrants include print media, film, video, audio, CD, or DVD formats, online communications, interpretive design, exhibition design, and more. *Projects in this category are permitted to submit their original communications document as supplemental jury material. Please provide digital copies (PDFs, .mov, .mp4) of materials for the jury to review.* This category will consider the following evaluation criteria:
 - Effectiveness of message presentation
 - Innovation in approach or delivery
 - Success in meeting project goals, program & overall function
 - Value for the intended audience
 - Overall project significance
- **ANALYSIS & PLANNING** – Recognizes the wide variety of professional activities that lead to, guide, and evaluate landscape architecture design. Entries in this category are not required to be built or implemented. Entries include urban, suburban, rural, or regional planning or development guidelines, transportation/town/campus planning, plans for reclamation of brownfield sites, environmental planning for legislative or policy initiatives or regulatory controls, cultural resource reports, natural resource protection, historic preservation planning, and more. *Projects in this category are permitted to submit their original analysis or planning document as supplemental jury material.* This category will consider the following evaluation criteria:
 - Quality of the analysis and planning effort
 - Positive impact on environment and context
 - Success in meeting project goals, program & overall function
 - Likelihood of successful implementation
 - Value for the intended audience

- o Overall project significance
- **RESEARCH** – Recognizes research that identifies and investigates challenges posed in landscape architecture, providing results that advance the body of knowledge for the profession. Typical entries include investigations into methods, techniques, or materials related to landscape architecture practice, studies of relationships of landscape architecture to law, education, public health, and safety, public policy, and more. *Projects in this category are permitted to submit their original research document as supplemental jury material.* This category will consider the following evaluation criteria:
 - o Quality of Design / Planning / Research & Documentation Methods
 - o Comprehensive design package / planning evaluation / research methods
 - o Success in meeting project goals, program & overall function
 - o The creativity of approach & problem-solving solutions
 - o Overall project significance

Projects are eligible for the following awards.

- **MERIT AWARD** – An award of recognition for superior professional accomplishment.
- **HONOR AWARD** – An award of recognition for excellence in landscape architecture.
- **PRESIDENTIAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE** – The highest award is given to a project that is exceptional because it has a unique story, client, or location and stands out above the rest. ***Only one project may be selected to receive this award.***
- **TRAVELING AWARD FOR INNOVATION EXCELLENCE** – A prestigious award for a project that uniquely reflects and solves the most current issues in landscape architecture through innovative design excellence. ***Only one project may be selected to receive this award.***